



# Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Indiana State Excise Police Issue 97 Tickets in Bloomington**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 97 summonses and cited one local bar in Bloomington on Thursday, October 25, and Friday, October 26, 2007. Officers issued only five warning tickets.

### **CITATIONS - INDIVIDUALS**

Most summonses issued this weekend were for illegal consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages and possession of false identification. The following is a list of some of the charges:

- \*Thirty-four (34) minors were charged with illegal possession, consumption or transportation of alcoholic beverages.
- \*Twenty-eight (28) minors were charged with possession of false identification.
- \*Six (6) minors were charged with being in a tavern or liquor store.
- \*Five (5) adults were charged with furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor.
- \*Twenty-four (24) additional charges were filed for a variety of offenses, including: false statement of age to a permittee, possession of marijuana and false informing.

“Our officers are continuing to see an increase in arrests and tickets issued this academic year over last year,” Officer Travis Thickstun said.

### **CITATIONS - ESTABLISHMENTS**

In addition to issuing tickets, excise police issued a notice of violation to Bluebird Nightclub, 216 N. Walnut Street, for sale of alcoholic beverages to a minor and allowing a minor to loiter.

Two other establishments were issued warnings. Big Red Liquors, 1199 College Mall Road, was issued a warning for allowing two minors to loiter. Village Pantry, 901 N. College Avenue, was issued a warning for sale of alcoholic beverages to a minor.

Throughout the weekend's enforcement initiative, excise officers worked with officers from the Bloomington Police Department and I.U. Police Department.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission.